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MEMORANDUM FOR: Contracting Officer
Attn: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Evaluation of [REDACTED]

1. This will confirm the results of my discussion of the above subject with the Contracting Officer on 20 December and of earlier conversations with the Director of Operations.

2. I believe it is important to obtain at the earliest possible date a technically competent evaluation of [REDACTED] produced by the AQUATONE [REDACTED]. I am advised by the Director of Operations that PI techniques have been devised which are especially adapted to [REDACTED] and which permit the extraction of a great deal of useful intelligence from photography which by conventional standards appears to be of little value. I understand that the techniques used differ from those regularly used by trained PI's on visual photography. Assuming this information to be correct, it is essential that our [REDACTED] photography be evaluated by a person or persons with experience in this apparently highly specialized art.

3. I would like to ask that [REDACTED] take on the primary responsibility within this Headquarters for seeing that such an evaluation is performed. He should consult with [REDACTED] and others in Operations who may have knowledge of this matter.

4. It should be noted that HTAUTOMAT has already been given the responsibility for assembling [REDACTED] photography and to make, in conjunction with Service representatives, a comparative study of these materials so as to permit an evaluation of the [REDACTED] product. It may be that the evaluation contemplated by HTAUTOMAT will be sufficient but on the basis of my present knowledge I doubt if HTAUTOMAT is planning to call upon the services of the specialists referred to above. If they are, so much the better. If they are not, it may be possible to arrange for them to do so. In any event, the responsibility I wish to lay on [REDACTED] is for seeing that adequate evaluation is performed somewhere so that we may make the necessary decisions with respect to both procurement of the [REDACTED] and its operational use.

RMB:djm

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